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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/GDR TRADE TALKS

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1. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ON AUGUST 14, THE EMBASSY INFORMED SCHMIED THAT DOWNEY IS ABLE TO BEGIN HIS PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 31, AND WE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE MFT PROMPTLY IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING. IN RESPONSE, SCHMIED SAID FURTHER DISCUSSION OF DETAILS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER BEIL'S RETURN FROM VACATION ON MONDAY AUGUST 18; AND HE PROPOSED WE DISCUSS MATTERS FURTHER AUGUST 19.

2. SCHMIED THAN ASKED FOR THE COMPOSITION OF US GROUP TO WHICH EMBOFF ANSWERED IN TERMS OF PARA. 1 B OF REFTTEL. SCHMIED SAID THE MFT WOULD LIKE A LIST BY NAME AND TITLE OF US TALKS PARTICIPANTS BY OUR MEETING ON AUGUST 19. WE SAID WE WOULD LIKE THE SAME INFORMATION CONCERNING GDR PARTICIPANTS.

3. WE THINK THE MFT WILL HAVE TO SEE OUR LIST OF
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PARTICIPANTS--AT LEAST ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS--

BEFORE THEY WILL SAY WHOM THEY PLAN TO NOMINATE. WE
HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT AT THIS POINT THAT BEIL INTENDS
TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL FASHION, BUT THE WORKING
LEVEL OF THE MFT WILL NOT BE PINNED DOWN PENDING BEIL'S
RETURN TO WORK NEXT WEEK.GROVE

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